

# ***“Get Connected” Interactive Discussion Guide***

***This Week’s Core Commitment: Giving Away My Money, 2 Corinthians 8:7***

I give away my money to fulfill God’s purposes.

## **Option 1—“Get Connected” Small Group Study: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15**

(Focus on the \* questions and be sure to leave time for “SERVICE” and prayer.)

### **Open It**

1. How do you feel when your pastor preaches about tithing?
2. \*What is your idea of generosity?
3. What example of generosity have you seen recently?

### **Explore It**

4. What had God given to the Macedonian Christians? ([8:1](#))
5. \*Out of what circumstances did the Macedonian Christians give? ([8:2](#))
6. What attitude did the Macedonians have in their giving? ([8:3-4](#))
7. \*What three things did the Macedonian Christians do that impressed Paul? ([8:3-5](#))
8. What surprised Paul about the Macedonians’ giving? ([8:5](#))
9. What was it that Titus had begun to do? ([8:6](#))
10. In what area did Paul want the Corinthians to excel? ([8:7](#))
11. Why did Paul avoid commanding the Corinthians to give? ([8:8](#))
12. What example did Christ set for us? ([8:9](#))
13. Why did Paul use the actions of the Macedonian Christians to motivate the Corinthians to give? ([8:11](#))
14. \*What is it about a gift to the Lord that makes it acceptable? ([8:12](#))
15. What end does God want our charitable giving to achieve? ([8:13](#))
16. What Old Testament example guides our giving? How? ([8:15](#))

### **Get It**

17. What can we learn from Titus’ example?
18. How do you feel about the methods Paul used to motivate the Corinthians to participate in the collection?
19. How have your views on giving changed over the years?
20. \*How can joy lead to generosity, even when a person lives in poverty?
21. How does Christ’s example motivate you to give?
22. How can the fact that Christ became poor on your behalf, and was later exalted by God, motivate you to follow His example?
23. How can the example of the Macedonian church challenge those who have little money to give?
24. What prevents people from giving a fair portion of their money to the Lord for His work?
25. How crucial do you think it is for Christians to give their money to the church?
26. \*How are you challenged by Paul’s discussion of generosity?
27. How can you find out how much God wants you to give and what ministries He wants you to support?

### **Apply It**

28. \*What step can you take this week to review and improve your financial support of the Lord’s work?

29. In what ways besides giving money can you be generous to others in the name of Christ this week?

**Option 2—Relate Your Study to Our Core Commitments**

- What Core Commitment(s) does this passage reinforce?
- What can we learn from this passage about this week's Core Commitments?
- How can we live this passage individually? As a group?
- What do we agree to do in response to this passage?

**Option 3—Discussion of Sunday's Sermon**

- What did you like?
- What did you not like?
- What did you not understand?
- How does it reinforce this week's core commitment?
- What do you want to do in response?
- What do we want to do in response?
- What will you take away?